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# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT VISITING SOCIETY.

OFFICE BEARERS:

*President*—THE VERY REV. THE DEAN.

*Treasurer*—MRS. CARMICHAEL.

*Secretary*—MISS JANEY S. EVANS.

*Visitors:*

MRS. DAY, MRS. DENOON, MRS. HUTCHISON, MISS. J. S. EVANS.

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The District Visiting Society in connection with St. George's Church is still carrying out its quiet career of unpretending usefulness, and during the past winter it had many new calls upon both Visitors and Treasury; while all the old claims were not neglected but carefully seen after, and the needs of all relieved as far as possible. The new ones were strangers in a strange land, whose utter destitution was accidentally discovered in time to be remedied, and encouraging, hopeful words said, and helpful deeds done, to cheer those who had felt so forgotten and cast down. Clothes were provided them from the Dorcas, and work found; and now a brighter day has dawned for

them. At Christmas they shared the gifts so generously sent in by the members of the congregation, and fifty-eight families had good and plentiful dinners given them, that all might rejoice at that happy time.

One old woman, one of the few links with old St. George's, who from infirmity had to be put on the list of pensioners, died last year; but others come forward into notice, some requiring temporary help with their rent or a doctor's bill, or they need clothing, etc. One woman who was lent $10.00 to pay a pressing debt, paid it all back most thankfully. Thirty-five families are *regularly* visited, and about fifty visits a month are made during the winter months. One person was sent to the Convalescent Home at Murray Bay.

As soon as work is got for men, which can always be done in the summer, all help is withdrawn; only the regular old pensioners are kept on the list.

Respectfully submitted,

JANEY S. EVANS,

*Secretary.*

May, 1889.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1888-9—Balance on hand | $201 91 | |
| Communion Offertories : | | |
| 1888—May | 27 28 | |
| June | 33 11 | |
| July | 21 22 | |
| August | 21 81 | |
| September | 25 83 | |
| October | 34 87 | |
| November | 38 70 | |
| Special Offertory Christmas Day | 317 82 | |
| December | 33 78 | |
| 1889—January | 33 63 | |
| February | 29 60 | |
| March | 35 43 | |
| April, Easter included | 114 95 | |
| Collection for Wood Fund | 220 00 | |
| Bank Interest | 3 00 | |
| | | $1193 84 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1888—May | $ 70 25 | |
| June | 61 25 | |
| July | 53 00 | |
| August | 50 75 | |
| September | 53 00 | |
| October | 51 50 | |
| November | 52 00 | |
| December | 58 00 | |
| 1889—January | 60 00 | |
| February | 61 00 | |
| March | 56 00 | |
| April | 62 50 | |
| Bread Account—1888-9 | 22 37 | |
| Wood " " | 200 75 | |
| Contribution to Diet Dispensary | 10 00 | |
| Funeral Expenses | 11 00 | |
| Printing Report | 15 00 | |
| | | $ 949 37 |
| Total Receipts | | $1193 84 |
| Total Disbursements | | $ 949 37 |
| Balance on hand May 1st | | 244 47 |
| | | $1193 84 |

E. CARMICHAEL,

*Treasurer.*

# REPORT OF THE DORCAS SOCIETY.

*President*—The Very Rev. the Dean.
*Directress*—Mrs. Carmichael.
*Treasurer*—Mrs. Downs.
*Secretary*—Miss J. S. Evans.

The Dorcas Society, in connection with St. George's Church, held its meetings, as usual, every Wednesday at 3 p.m., from the second Wednesday in October to the last Wednesday in February. As Lent came early this year the time was shortened a little. The number of Ladies present each meeting averaged fourteen, some preferring to take their work home, while a few zealous ones did both, working diligently at the meetings, and also taking material home and making it up, thereby accomplishing a good deal of sewing.

The garments made up by the members of the Dorcas Society are exclusively for the old, the blind, and the very young; in some cases, the materials are given that the recipient may make for herself the garment she needs. All the others are provided for by the sewing done at the Mothers' meetings. The Industrial School is also supplied, from the Dorcas Cupboard, with flannel, white cotton, print, &c., which the children make up.

A touching appeal for clothing, from the late Canon Belcher, on behalf of the poor people in his parish, principally those lately arrived from the old country, and whom he had helped as much as he could, was heartily responded to, and a great number of garments (new and old) were sent to Point St. Charles. As Canon Belcher had succeeded in getting work for nearly all the men, no further relief was necessary.

The usual number of garments were made and given away; also boots and rubbers to the older women and the children attending the Sunday School.

The Society has to thank their constant friend, Mrs. Mackay, for her yearly gift of $10.00 worth of made-up clothing from the Industrial Rooms.

They have also to thank Mr. Wilson for his usual donation of boots and shoes, eight pairs.

To Mrs. Stanton, for samples of cloth; and to other friends for parcels of cast off clothing, which are always acceptable, the Society offers its hearty thanks.

The whole respectfully submitted,

JANEY SABINA EVANS,

*Secretary.*

# DORCAS SOCIETY.

## Treasurer's Report—1888-9.

*Receipts.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Miss Smith | $ 44 00 |
| " Larkin | 27 30 |
| " Mills | 26 00 |
| " Muir | 26 00 |
| " Darey | 23 25 |
| " White | 21 20 |
| " Crawford | 14 50 |
| " Hutchison | 14 10 |
| By Mrs. Carmichael | 11 00 |
| ..... In Bank | 151 09 |
| | $358 44 |

*Disbursements.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Gault Bros. & Co | $ 79 50 |
| Ogilvy & Sons | 22 61 |
| Chas. Wilson | 18 10 |
| Printing | 15 00 |
| Provident Fund | 8 40 |
| John Murphy & Co | 3 00 |
| Gagnon & Shipton | 2 00 |
| S. Carsley & Co | 1 55 |
| On Ledger | 75 |
| In Bank | 151 09 |
| Cash on hand | 56 44 |
| | $358 44 |

E. LOUISE DOWNS.

## MOTHERS' MEETING ANNUAL REPORT.

COMMITTEE:

MRS. SPRINGLE, MRS. BOTTERELL,
MRS. BINMORE, MISS MUDGE,
MRS. TANDY, MISS WALKLATE,
MISS BICKLEY, Sec.-Treas.

The Mothers' Meetings were re-opened on the 6th of November, 1888, under the supervision of the above Committee, and continued until the 30th of April, 1889, with a fortnight's intermission at Christmas. The attendance on the whole has been larger and more regular than in any previous year, ranging from 13 to 20; once only, owing to very bad weather, it fell as low as six.

Your Committee can report a decided improvement in both conduct and work of the members, who frequently express their gratitude for the pleasure and instruction these meetings afford them. One or two of these members are not regular parishioners of St. George's; but as their children attend the Sunday School and other parochial schools, and they are frequently present at the Evening Services, it was deemed advisable to allow them the privileges of full membership, especially as they set an example of neatness and

thrift, both in appearance and homes. This is encouraging to the Committee, as it has tended much to raise the general tone of the meetings.

The advantages arising from the Provident Fund System are being more appreciated each year. Last season, as will be seen in the statement, $104.19 was collected. During the six months of this year which have already elapsed, the sum of $91.96 has been deposited, showing a marked rate of increase.

The Bible Lesson given by Miss Mudge was listened to with attention and interest, and much sorrow was expressed by the women when they learned that she would be unable to continue it after the end of January, owing to a partial loss of eyesight ; and hopes are entertained that she may be enabled to resume it again in the autumn. Her post was kindly and aptly filled by Mrs. Botterell, who soon gained the esteem of the women by showing a personal interest in themselves and their families.

Your Committee take this opportunity of thanking the Dorcas Society, for its annual grant of 10 per cent. interest on the Provident Fund deposits, thereby enabling this Society to meet its own expenses without calling for outside aid. The proceeds of the sale of work this year amounted to $8.35, and as the running expenses fell short of that sum, a small balance was left to the credit of the general fund.

Thanks are due, and also gratefully tendered, to the many kind friends of the Society who from time to

time have sent in parcels of warm clothing for distribution among the poorer families. Trusting that this assistance may be continued in the future with its past liberality, the above is

Respectfully submitted,

M. FRANCES BICKLEY,
*Sec.-Treasurer.*

May 14th, 1889.

# BALANCE SHEET OF MOTHERS' MEETING—1888-9.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To Stock valued at | $ 18 41 | |
| " Book Debts | 2 16 | |
| " Cash on hand | 31 40 | |
| | | $ 51 97 |
| To Cash from Provident Fund | | $ 90 59 |
| " " " Mothers' Meeting | | 55 83 |
| " " " Dorcas Society (Int.) | | 8 40 |
| " " " Sale of Work | | 8 35 |
| | | $215 14 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Paid for Goods | | $124 02 |
| " " " Running Expenses | | 7 23 |
| " " Cash refunded to Depositors | | 7 25 |
| " " " transferred to Prov. Fund | | 27 07 |
| Stock valued at | $13 82 | |
| Book Debts | 6 75 | |
| | | $ 49 57 |
| | | $215 14 |

M. FRANCES BICKLEY,

*Secretary-Treasurer.*

May 14th, 1889.

## BALANCE SHEET OF PROVIDENT FUND.

### Receipts.

| | |
|---|---|
| To Cash deposited by Women from Nov. 1st, 1887, to Oct. 31st, 1888 | $101 04 |
| " Cash from Dorcas Society | 2 75 |
| " Interest from Bank | 40 |
| | $104 19 |

### Disbursements.

| | |
|---|---|
| By Paid for Printing | $ 2 75 |
| " " Depositors in Cash | 10 85 |
| " " to Mothers' Meeting | 90 59 |
| | $104 19 |

M. FRANCIS BICKLEY,
*Secretary-Treasurer.*

May 14th, 1889.

# SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BAND OF HOPE.

*President*—The Very Rev. the Dean.
*Vice-President*—Rev. L. N. Tucker, M.A.
*Manager*—Mrs. A. Holden,
*Sec.-Treasurer*—Miss Mabel A. Yarker.

Committee:

| | |
|---|---|
| Mrs. Lilly, | Miss Alice Clark, |
| " Nield, | " Ferguson, |
| Miss Bacon, | " Heubach, |
| " Bickley, | " Hill, |
| " Ada C. Clark, | " Hutchison, |
| " Lamplough, | " Linley, |
| " B. L. Macdonald, | " Nield. |

Another season of earnest and interesting work has been brought to a close, and we trust that the impression left on the minds of the children of St. George's Band of Hope may not be transitory, but may influence the lives and habits of the future men and women of the Church.

The weekly meetings have been held regularly from November 7th, 1888, to April 27th, 1889, on which day a closing entertainment was given expressly for and by the children, at which they acquitted themselves very creditably, and received, with beaming faces, a number of beautiful prizes. It is to be regretted that more of the adult members of the con-

gregation did not embrace this opportunity of showing an interest in our work by being present at the distribution.

The attendance during the session was not quite equal to that of previous years, owing, no doubt, to there having been many cases of illness; but a large number of children have entered their names in the Pledge-book. The singing has greatly improved under the able direction of Miss Hutchison, who so willingly acceded to our request to help us with the musical portion (an important one) of our work; and the books of Temperance songs brought from New York by our kind and enthusiastic manager, Mrs. Holden, were much appreciated.

Two or three very good concerts have been given, at the last of which the Montreal hand-bell ringers called forth great applause; and two most successful entertainments for children have been held, one in the form of a well-laden Christmas Tree on the 10th of January, and the other a beautiful display of Magic Lantern views kindly exhibited by Mr. W. H. Prowse, on the 21st March.

Before closing, your Committee would like to extend a hearty vote of thanks to all the friends of the Society who so kindly assisted at the various concerts during the winter.

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL A. YARKER,

May 16th, 1889. *Secretary-Treasurer.*

## Treasurer's Report.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance on hand | $14 09 | |
| Received from Concerts | 58 75 | |
| Collected by Miss Ada Bickley | 7 00 | |
| Anonymous | 2 50 | |
| Donations | 3 75 | |
| | | $86 09 |
| From the Dean | | 10 00 |
| Paid for Note-books and blue ribbon | $ 0 48 | |
| " John Dougall & Son | 2 50 | |
| " The Star | 3 16 | |
| " Gifts for Christmas Tree | 38 85 | |
| " Tester for Candy | 4 20 | |
| " Magic Lantern | 2 00 | |
| " Hand-bell Ringers | 10 00 | |
| " F. E. Grafton & Sons for prize books | 9 85 | |
| " Printing Programmes | 2 25 | |
| " Cabs | 75 | |
| " Pledge Cards | 5 00 | |
| " Mrs. Holden, on account | 1 39 | |
| " Mr. Tomkins | 5 00 | |
| | $85 43 | |
| Balance on hand | $10 66 | |
| | | $96 09 |

May 16th, 1889:

## YOUNG LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*President*—MRS. CARMICHAEL,
*Working Manager*—MISS DURNFORD.
*Secretary-Treasurer*—MISS COLE.

MEMBERS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Miss Budden, | Miss Forbes, | Miss Ramsey, |
| " Bacon, | " Godfrey, | " Samuel, |
| " Booth, | " Hill, | " Smardon, |
| " Baird, | " Howell, | " Smardon, |
| " Beard, | " Johnson, | " Stephen, |
| Mrs. Carmichael, | " Lamplough, | " Shepherd, |
| " Cameron, | " Linley, | " B.Shepherd, |
| Miss Cole, | " Linton, | " M. Shepherd |
| " E. Cole, | " Larkin, | " Smith, |
| " Crawford, | Mrs. Mudge, | " G. Sise, |
| " Cook, | Miss Mudge, | Mrs. Woodhouse, |
| Mrs. Dawson, | " Minchin, | Miss Williams, |
| Miss Durnford, | " McDonald, | " Williams, |
| " M.Durnford | " McLeod, | " S. Williams, |
| " Denoon, | " E. McLeod, | " White, |
| " Eastman, | " E. McLeod, | " A. White. |

It is with feelings of great gratitude that your Committee present this, the Seventh Annual Report of the work done by the Young Ladies' Missionary Society. With the aid of the ample supply of funds placed at our disposal by Dean Carmichael and other friends, we have been enabled to do more work than usual

during the past season. Many additions were made to our membership list this year; but as some of the older members left us for various reasons, it numbers the same as that of last year. Still the average attendance has been very good, and the interest taken in the work by the members individually has been very marked. Nineteen weekly meetings have been held from November 5th to April 1st. Ten bales of clothing and other useful articles have been sent away, seven to missionaries in our own diocese, one to Algoma and two to the North-West.

The Y. M. C. A. of St. George's having started a mission in the parish of Grace Church, twenty dollars was voted by this Society to assist in furnishing their room. The money was handed to Mrs. Carmichael, who kindly purchased carpet, table cover, and other necessaries with it.

We would desire to thank kind friends for donations sent in from time to time, and also Miss Durnford, our esteemed manager, for her continued interest and zeal in the work. Your Committee feel that it is to her untiring energies and able management that much of the success of our work is due.

The Ladies of St. George's will find in this Society ample opportunity for Mission work, and we trust that each year will show an increasing membership and a greater interest taken in the work by the ladies of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTIE COLE, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

## Receipts.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance | $ 5 51 | |
| Members' fees | 12 73 | |
| Mrs. Carmichael | 5 00 | |
| A Friend | 2 00 | |
| Dean Carmichael | 155 00 | |
| | | $180 26 |

## Disbursements.

| | |
|---|---|
| Materials purchased | $152 02 |
| Express on bales | 5 35 |
| Grant to Grace Church Mission | 20 00 |
| | $177 37 |
| Balance | 2 89 |
| | $180 26 |

BERTIE COLE,

*Secretary-Treasurer.*

## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT.

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*Manager*—Mrs. Day.

*Committee :*

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|---|---|
| Mrs. Brown, | Miss S. Williams, |
| " Esdaile | " E. Williams, |
| Miss Andrews | " Reynolds, |
| " Bond, | " J. Reynolds, |
| " Darey, | " A. Herbert. |

Miss Shepherd.

Miss Ada Bickley, *Secretary.*

The Industrial School, in connection with St. George's Church, held its meetings, as usual, every week, from November 10th until April 27th, under the direction of Mrs. Day, during which time twenty-four meetings took place, with an average attendance of fifty-five. This may, perhaps, be accounted for by the fact that not more than half of these children belong to St. George's Church ; and in consequence of a new and wise arrangement being made by the Committee, whereby all but our parishioners were debarred

from receiving flannel clothing, a number of children left, but fresh pupils have been coming ever since, so the reduction on the actual roll is but slight.

This season's work amounted to one hundred and fourteen pieces of clothing, and one patchwork quilt; the latter has already been sent to the Crêche, as was also one of the two finished last year, the same being gratefully acknowledged by the Secretary; with regard to the other, given to the Bishop of Algoma for a boy in the Shingwauk Home, nothing further has been heard.

This year the children have collected the sum of $2.00, which will be given to Miss Evans for the Infant Class Library.

As is customary, a special meeting was held during Christmas week. No sewing is done this day, but after a short and seasonable address from the Dean, and the singing of one or two appropriate choruses, the children were dismissed, being the happy recipients of Christmas Cards and candies. The closing meeting was held on the evening of April 29th. After the usual tea, the little needle-women gave a concert in the large school room, which in every way proved successful. At the close, the distribution of prizes took place, the number of rewards increasing every year; this time no fewer than thirteen being given for regular attendance, besides a number of others for neatness and improvement in sewing.

Our Society having now completed its tenth year's

work, your Committee beg to express their deep gratification at the increasing interest shown by the congregation in its welfare, and take this opportunity of thanking the Dorcas Society, and all others who have so materially aided in carrying on this part of the parish work.

Respectfully submitted,

ADA BICKLEY,
*Secretary.*

May 16th, 1889.

## GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY—ST. GEORGE'S BRANCH.

*Secretary*—Mrs. L. J. Skelton.

*Working Associates:*

Mrs. Acer, 1160 Dorchester street.
" Brown, 17 Shuter street.
" H. C. Scott, 214 Drummond street.
" Shelton, 255 Mountain street.
Miss McDonald, 10 Phillips Place.
" L. Mudge, 29 Lorne Avenue.
" Williams, 898 Sherbrooke street.
" S. Williams, " "
" M. Shepherd, 844 Dorchester street.

24 Honorary Associates, 48 Members.
1 Candidate, 5 Probationers.

Fifteen fortnightly meetings (including the Festival gathering) have been held up to the present date, with an average attendance of about 20 members.

Thirteen members from England have been commended to us since last spring, one from another Branch in the city, and seven new members have been admitted. The latter are always admitted by the

Dean with a short service (that in use in the Diocese of Durham). In this the girls are asked if they desire to become members of the Society? if they will keep its rules? and if they will use its prayer? Answering in the affirmative, they are then admitted as members "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." We value this service as marking the fact that in joining the Society, its members do incur certain moral responsibilities, and that therefore membership should not be assumed lightly, without due thought.

Little badges in the form of a silver brooch made of the letters G. F. S., have been given this year to all members who have been three years in the Society and still continue to belong to it. Sixteen of these have been awarded, eight to girls who have been members of St. George's Branch ever since it was formed, and eight to commended members to it. It was felt to be a good thing that those who had been faithful members of the Society for so long should receive some mark of distinction, and the badge seems to be much valued.

Prizes have been offered for sewing, knitting, darning, and button-hole making, and will be awarded at the closing meeting.

A bundle of clothing and books was sent up to Algoma after Christmas, and has been very warmly acknowledged, the clergyman writing that it would enable him to give other things to the needy in his Mission.

*The Branch Meetings for Associates have been held generally once a month during the winter, and are found very useful for arranging the detail of the work and discussing any important points that turn up.

The Secretary records with regret the resignation of two Working Associates, Miss Preddy and Miss Skelton, who had been connected with the work ever since it was started at St. George's. They felt, however, that owing to the claims of other duties and engagements they were unable to continue as active workers any longer.

The Secretary's warmest thanks are due to the Working Associates who so faithfully and earnestly carry on the work, for it is on them in many ways that its burden falls. Miss. L. Mudge has read a series of most practical and helpful papers on the rules of life and conduct that G. F. S. members as Christian girls should strive to keep.

In drawing up a report of the winter's work, one is necessarily confined to facts and figures. As regards the latter, we are numerically very weak as to what we were last year. We have lost, through removal and other causes, about eighteen members, and we have gained twenty-one new ones. But in work like this it is below the surface that one must look for results, and it is impossible to guage what may have been done.

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*Twelve copies of "Friendly Work" and eighteen copies of "Friendly Leaves" are subscribed for by members.

The result of our work may never appear, but who can tell what evil may have been warded off, what good impulses helped and strengthened by the influences for good with which we strive to surround our members? "How are you getting on with your G. F. S. work?" is a question often very hard to answer; for the true answer would depend upon the knowledge of the moral advancement or retrogression of each individual member. It is ours to work to the best of our ability; to strive to show our members that we are interested in their highest welfare, that what we most desire for them is that they should be "*good*," and that in their endeavours to lead true pure lives we wish to be their real friends and helpers; but in so working we must often be content with very little knowledge of what the results of our efforts have been.

It is, however, encouraging to learn that in two or three English towns "unasked-for testimony has been given by people who ought to know—the police, medical men and clergy—that the G. F. S. had actually raised the morality of the three towns."

A. RACHEL SKELTON,

*Sec. for St. George's Branch.*